ports to the President with its recommendations after taking into account, *inter alia*, the inspection reports of its Sub-Committees. These Reports are placed before the two Houses of Parliament and are also sent to the State Governments. The recommendations of the Sub-Committees are made to the Parliamentary Committee and which submits recommendations to the President in its Reports.

The Parliamentary Committee on Official Language has, so far, submitted its reports in four parts to the President and these have also been laid before the two Houses of Parliament. The fourth part of its report pertains to the progress made in the use of Hindi in the Central Government offices and Undertakings. This part also includes a statement on the position regarding the progress in the use of Hindi in the Ministry of Water Resources, Central Water Commission and Department of Power. While the directions of the President on Part I and II of the Committee's report, after considering the views of the State Governments thereon, have been issued. Views of the State Governments on Part III of the Report have been obtained and the directions of the President thereon are being issued. Views of the State Governments on Part IV of the Report are being obtained.

[*English*]

61 **Shortage of Milk in Delhi**

*705. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the stoppage of milk supply by the Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies in neighbouring States to D.M.S. and Mother Diary has resulted in shortage of milk in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resume normal supply of milk in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) to (c). There was no stoppage of milk supply by Milk Producers' Cooperative Societies from neighbouring States to Delhi Milk Scheme and Mother Diary. During the period April-August, 1991, the quantity of milk supplied to D.M.S. and Mother Diary was less than during the same period last year. However, the level of the total sale of milk by Mother Diary and D.M.S. in Delhi was maintained.

62 **Expansion of Hindustan Copper Limited, Khetri.**

*706.SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE: Will the Minister of Mines be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to expand the Hindustan Copper Limited at Khetri;

(b) if so, the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon;

(c) whether any new copper deposits have also been discovered in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any plan/target has been fixed for production of copper in future ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a). Hindustan Copper Limited (HCL) have proposed the expansion of the smelting and refining capacity at its Khetri Copper Complex (KCC), Rajasthan from the present level of 31,000 tonnes per

annum to 45,000 tonnes per annum.

(b).The estimated cost of the project as of now is Rs. 50 crores.

(c).No, Sir.

(d). Does not arise.

(e).and (f) HCL plans to execute the Khetri Smelter Expansion Scheme tentatively by 1995.

[*Translation*] Agriculture

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Research on Ancient Agricultural Practices

*707. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any research has been conducted by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research on information available in Vedas regarding agricultural practices followed in those days; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a). No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

[*English*] 63

Talks With Myanmar Regarding Insurgent Activities

* 708.SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had initiated any talks with the Government of Myanmar on the issue of Myanmar territory being used by insurgents operating in the North Eastern States; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b). This issue has been discussed with the Government of Myanmar from time to time. They have assured us that it is not their policy to support insurgent groups against a neighbouring country and indicated their willingness to cooperate in monitoring insurgent activity. On this basis, border commanders of the two countries maintain contacts with each other.

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National Research Centres for Fruits in Maharashtra

*709. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up National Research Centres for banana, orange, mango and grape at Jalgaon, Nagpur, Ratnagiri and Pune respectively in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) & (b). Sir, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research centre on Citrus (which includes orange) at Nagpur. There is no proposal to set up National Research Centres for banana and mango in Maharashtra. However, there is a proposal to establish a National Research Centre for Grapes for which Maharashtra and two other States have been asked to offer a suitable site.